

REMARKS:

Claims 4-7

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates allowance of claims 4-7.

Claims 3, 17 and 18

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 17 and 18.

The limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into claim 1, thereby rendering claim 1 allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to include all limitations of the parent claim and any intervening claim. Allowance of claims 14-16 is respectfully requested.

The limitations of claim 18 have been incorporated into claim 10, thereby rendering claim 10 allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 20

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Arai et al. (US6320470).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 8, 12 and 16 are believed to be allowable.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 18. Accordingly, claim 10 and its dependent claim 20 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 8-11 and 13-15, 19 and 20

Claims 1, 2, 8-11, 13-15, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art (APA), Fig. 1 in view of Nguyen et al. (US6437639).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 8 and 13-15 are believed to be

allowable.

Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 18.

Accordingly, claim 10 and its dependent claims 11 and 20 are believed to be allowable.

Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 17, which has been indicated as allowable and rewritten independent form.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0466 (Order No. GB920020058US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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